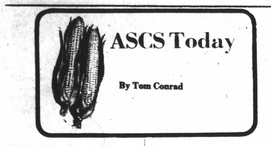

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

On December 8 the Appomattox Committee met at the ASCS office to tabulate the ballots for the 1978 Community Committee Elections.

The following persons were elected as community committeemen to take office on January 1, 1978, and serve for 12 months or until qualified successors are elected and take office:

Cleverhill Community
W. D. Hix, III - Chairman
E. M. Covington - Vice-Chairman
Harry W. Ranson - Regular Member
J. H. Rosser - 1st Alternate
Arthur L. Morris - 2nd Alternate

Southside Community
E. Carter Martin - Chairman
E. W. Mullins - Vice - Chairman
W. D. Hunter, Jr. - Regular Member
Harold B. Jones - 1st Alternate
H. W. Mann - 2nd Alternate

Stonewall Community
J. A. Martin - Chairman
R. T. Megginson - Vice - Chairman
J. P. Alvis, Jr. - Regular Member
Calvin Harris - 1st Alternate
J. Lyle Moore -2nd Alternate

The above community committemen and alternates are also delegates and alternates respectively to the County Convention.

The County Convention is going to be held at the ASCSoffice on December 20, starting at 9:30 a.m. and will be open to the public. The purpose of the convention will be to fill a vacancy on the County Committee. The vacancy that will be filled will be the one that has been held for the past nine years by James R. Ford, Jr. Under County Committee Elections Regulations a committeeman may serve up to three consecutive terms with each term being three years. At the end of each three year term the committeeman has to be voted on at the County Convention before he can serve the next three year term. At the end of the third consecutive term the committeeman must go off the committee for at least a year before he is eligible to serve on the County Committee again.

If anyone has any questions concerning ASCS elections, they should contact the ASCS office.

1978 Agricultural Conservation Program - On December 9, The County Development Group met at the ASCS to develop the 1978 Agricultural Conservation program (ACP). The ACP is a cost-share program designed to assist farmers in solving conservaiton problems by installing conservation practices that would not otherwise be carried out.

In developing the program this year the development group sited the following as high priority problems: erosion on cropland, lack of conservation cropping systems with soil in rotation, contouring and residue management, overgrazing. The County Committee would like to encourage you to consider whether you have any of these high priority problems which need solving to conserve our soil and water and to reduce the pollution of streams, rivers, and lakes.

When the Appomattox County Program is approved by the State Committee, the practices being offered will be announced and a signup period will also be announced.

1978 Forestry Incentives Program [FIP] The 1978 FIP Signup Period opens on January 3, and will run through January 31. If you are interested in planting or improving a stand of trees on ten or more acres, you may be interested in the program. If you are interested, please stop by the ASCS office during the signup period or contact Wayne Bowman of the Virginia Division of Forestry. More detailed information on FIP will be in my next newsletter.

Watson Completes Training

DEC. 7 - Navy Fireman Recruit Marshall A. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Watson of Route 2, Appomattox, Va., has completed recruit training at the naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School, he joined the Navy in September 1977.

Eating Well

Have you ever wondered why so many children who have been bottle-fed for longer than one year have upper teeth decayed to the gum?

Many times the cause of tooth decay in these children may be the bedtime or naptime bottle of milk, juice, or other sugar containing liquid.

When a child is awake and hungrily sucking from a bottle, he has a good flow of saliva and swallows frequently. However, when he gets drowsy and falls asleep, he sucks with less force, makes less saliva and doesn't swallow as often. Because the tongue is on the nipple, it keeps the food from the lower teeth; but the upper part of the mouth is bathed in the sugar containing liquid.

The surface of everyone's teeth contain acid forming bacteria. The bacteria feed on sugar and stqarch and begin making acid within a few minutes after food is in the mouth. As the food puddle stays in the mouth of a sleeping child, the teeth are exposed to acid for long periods of time. The acid slowly dissolves the surface of the enamel. Once the hard enamel layer of tooth is destroyed, decay spreads rapidly through the softer dentin layer.

A child's fussiness or picky eating may be due to pain from his decayed teeth. It is important that children keep their first or primary teeth because they are needed for chewing, for speech, for appearance, and to keep the shape of the jaws so that the permanent teeth will grow in the proper position.

National PTA Awarded Contract To Develop Family Policies

American parents are being given the chance to voice their opinions about potential federal policies which would directly affect their families through a new National PTA project.

Recently awarded a one-year contract from the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (HEW), the PTA is working with Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., to develop a comprehensive set of national policies on child and family development which will incorporate the involvement and advice of parents, in addition to experts. Funding for the contract totals $99,463.

GRACE BAISINGER, National PTA president, explained the reasons for the o r g a nization's involvement with the project: "Throughout its history, the PTA has worked to strengthen the home and the institutions that sustain and supplement it. Currently, federal support for delivery of human services is generally targeted for the functional needs of individuals, rather than families.

"Where they exist, the bulk of federal services intended for family are fragmented; and most federal policies are determined without the involvement and recommendations of the groups affected, namely parents, children, and families. Through this cooperative effort with Cornell, we plan to develop a framework for policies which will encompass all families, rather than individuals."

In drafting these policies, three sources of knowledge and opinion will be integrated.

Local PTA units across the country will team up with members of a National Committee to identify and react to a number of key issues relating to families and children. The Committee is composed of experts from such fields as human development, education, sociology and social work, health, policy and planning, economics, and law.

The third source is the Seminar in Family Policy at Cornell University, which will include faculty experts in fields closely paralleling those of National, Committee experts. The Seminar, under the direction of DR. IRVING LAZAR, professor and chairman of Cornell's Community Service Education Department and co-director of the university's Laboratory for Family and Policy Studies, will prepare orientation materials for the National Committee, consider family and child development issues in depth, critique preliminary and draft proposals, and provide an ongoing additonal resource for the PTA.

With the assitance of the National Committee and the Family Policy Seminar, the PTA will develop issue packets for use by local PTAs. Each packet will contain information on a particular issue (e.g., parenting), current policies, and alternatives to those policies. PTA units will discuss the issues, choose and modify alternatives, and report their recommendations to the National PTA.

The PTAs' recommendations will then be combined with those of the Family Policy Seminar and the National Committee, and a final set of policies will be forwarded to the Administration for Chidlren, Youth and Families for their use.

Coordinating this national activity will be co-directors GEORGIA WHITE BRANDSTADTER, directing the project from PTA headquarters in Chicago; and ELIZABETH REILENGER, based at Cornell. DR. LAZAR is serving as project consultant.

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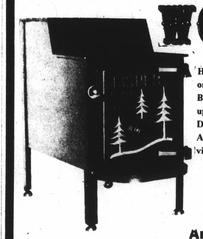

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Who's Who In FBLA

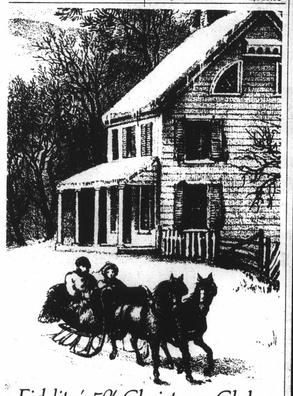
The Appomattox FBLA Chapter is pleased to announce that this month it has two nominees for girl of the month. The first girl typed newspaper articles for **Times Virginian, Pride of Virginia** and the **Raider Reporter.** She also sold Cherrydale Candy during the month of September. She is co-chairman of the Dance-a-Thon and called for donations for the Dance-a-Thon. She also prepared boxes for the Rock-A-Thon and picked up rockers. She conducted Young Hearts Club meeting and picked up food for the Dance-A-Thon in Lynchburg and surrounding areas. She was present during the entire Dance-A-Thon, prepared and served meals for the Dance-A-Thon. She delivered Dance-A-Thon and Rock-A-Thon posters. She composed typed and mailed thank-you notes for Dance-A-Thon. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the March of Dimes Action Program, a member of the New Hope Baptist Church and treasurer of her Sunday School Class. She is currently a senior at Appomattox County High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell of Route 1, Appomatox. The first girl of the month is Donna Mitchell.

The second girl for the month of December is the reporter of this FBLA chapter. She attended the officers' picnic, put up bulletin boards in the business classes, and served at the teachers' tea. She also wrote news articles for the **Times-Virginian, Pride of Virginia,** and the **Raider Reporter.** she also called for donations for the Dance-A-Thon, picked up food in Lynchburg and surrounding areas, helped to prepare and serve meals and drinks at Dance-A-Thon. She was present at the entire Dance-A-Thon. She also delivered Rock-A-Thon posters and picked up rockers. She is a member of the Naitonal Honor Society, and a member of the March of Dimes Youth Action Program. She is a member of New Hope Baptist Church and president of the Appomattox County Senior 4-H Club. She is currently a junior at Appomattox County High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Rt. 3, Appomattox. The second girl of the month is Rita Reynolds.

VIRGINIA FIBRE REPORTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased for the week ending December 4, 1977 by the Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	$ 2,252.14
Amelia	—
Amherst	4,299.33
Appomattox	9,575.32
Augusta	—
Bedford County	1,536.06
Buckingham	17,152.37
Prince William	749.65
Campbell	4,032.11
Charlotte	342.39
Cumberland	1,808.43
Fluvanna	324.15
Goochland	2,150.40
Halifax	541.02
Nelson	5,777.85
New Kent	—
Pittsylvania	1,046.05



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NEW COLONIALISM IS TOPIC OF ARTICLE IN DECEMBER COMMONWEALTH

A healthy transfusion of foreign money may be one reason why Virginia land values continue to rise in the face of tight money markets and cautious buying patterns, says the December **Commonwealth** Magazine.

Whether motivated by fear of socialism in Europe, or by possession of new riches from Mid-East oil, buyers are seeking quality investments. Virginia land-offering stable business and political backdrops, beauty, and travel accessibility - - is an attractive commodity. The interest in Virginia property by wealthy foreign buyers has thus kept price tags high on prestigious old estates and prime commercial land, disgruntling some competitors in the domestic market.

The **Commonwealth** article, by Antoinette W. Roades, focuses on four case histories: F r e dericksburg's Snowden, just bought by an Arab; Mt. Vernon's Wellington, almost picked up by the Russians; Barboursville in the Piedmont, under development by Italian winemakers; and in the recent expansion of Sweden's Gambra in Newport News.

The magazine's large December issue also features two portfolios of graphic works by Virginians: photographer Bob Jones, Jr., "master of the unguarded moment," and Kelly Freas renowned science-fiction illustrator. Several of Freas's major works are reproduced in full color.

Commonwealth's popular new AGENDA events calendar for December features a wealth of holiday - related activities for in-state travelers.

Powhatan	1,766.38
Prince Edward	3,208.42
Total	**$56,562.07**

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

HIGHWAY SAFETY QUIZ

Does Virginia have a law against hitchhiking?

A Federal law requires that states prohibit hitchhiking on interstate highways. Virginia prohibits individuals from standing in any roadway for the purpose of soliciting rides. The law is for the protection of the motorist as well as the person seeking a ride. Motorists who stop along the highway to pick up a hitchhiker hinder the normal flow of traffic and sudden stops often cause rear end collisions.

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